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MISSOULA —

Anne Marie Squeo, vice president for communications for Lockheed Martin Electronic Systems, will give a lecture titled "The Split Personality of Branded Journalism" at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, in the University Center Theater at The University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is the fourth installment of the School of Journalism's annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series. The series honors Cole, a Butte native who graduated from the School of Journalism in 1980. He was aeronautics editor at The Wall Street Journal when he was killed in a plane crash while on assignment in January 2001. Squeo was a fellow reporter with Cole at the paper.

Squeo has nearly 15 years of experience as a journalist. She was part of a team of reporters at The Wall Street Journal that won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting for stories that questioned U.S. defense spending and military deployment in the post-Cold War era, and offered alternatives for remaking the military for the 21st century. She won a prestigious Gerald R. Loeb award in 2004 for uncovering ethical and legal lapses at Boeing Co.

At Lockheed Martin, Squeo oversees the integrated communications program for the Electronic Systems business area, which employs about 45,000 people. She joined Lockheed Martin in 2009 after three years at Raytheon Co., where she was the Washington, D.C.-based director of public relations.

"Anne Marie has tremendous experience to share from the worlds of journalism and communications/public relations," said journalism school Dean Peggy Kuhr. "These days, when journalism students must learn to love – or at least live with – the task of 'branding' their work, Anne Marie can help show the way."

"I'm proud to have Anne Marie at UM as the fourth Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecturer," said Maria Cole, the widow of Jeff. "She was a valuable team member when she worked for Jeff, and she continues to be completely devoted to her work. Her lecture will be relevant for everyone – journalists, business people and budding entrepreneurs alike."

The lecture series is supported by the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, which also offers an annual scholarship and a spring dinner for students who work at the Montana Kaimin, UM's independent student newspaper.

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MISSOULA –

Melissa Mylchreest, a second-year Masters of Fine Art student in The University of Montana's Creative Writing Program, has won the 2012 Merriam-Frontier Award. Mylchreest will read from "Reckon," her award-winning manuscript, at 4 p.m. Friday, March 9, in the Poetry Corner of the Mansfield Library.

The reading is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the Mansfield Library and is free and open to the public.

Mylchreest's manuscript was chosen because her poems "spring from the terrain the Merriam-Frontier Award is intended to celebrate," said judges Bridget Carson, Ginny Merriam and Lois Welch. "Mylchreest travels the sensory universe and uses it all to take the reader to the place where the poem is happening."

The Merriam-Frontier Award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor emeritus of English, to recognize distinguished achievement in writing. Open to both graduates and undergraduates of UM, entries are called for during autumn semester and judged by a committee of local writers. The winner is awarded a \$500 prize and funds to publish a chapbook of the winning entry. Every year the UM Creative Writing Program hosts a reading for the award-winning student.

For more information, call Karin Schalm, creative writing program coordinator, at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing.

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MISSOULA –

A Chinese dance troupe from Nanchang University will visit The University of Montana on Sunday, March 4. The troupe will perform a recital of Chinese dance and music at 6:30 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Hosted by UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and the Confucius Institute, the event is free and open to the public.

The Confucius Institute is instrumental in the pilot program of teaching Mandarin Chinese in Montana's public high schools, as well as introducing Chinese culture and history to the local community.

For the third year in a row, the institute has brought in a performance troupe from China to present Chinese artistic culture to the Missoula community.

The event is co-sponsored by Rocky Mountain Ballet and the Missoula Cultural Council. For more information call the Confucius Institute at 406-243-2988 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/ci>.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Visual and Performing Arts will pay tribute to Palmer West, a 1998 UM graduate and independent filmmaker, during its 12th annual “Odyssey of the Stars – A Celebration of Artistic Journeys.”

Each year “Odyssey of the Stars” honors outstanding UM visual and performing arts alumni and tells the story of their artistic journeys, showcasing the many different roads to success that an artist can travel.

This year’s show, “In the Moment,” will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in the University Theatre. It will feature UM students, faculty and West as guest artist and alumni honoree.

After graduating with a degree in drama from UM, West quickly established himself in the competitive world of independent filmmaking. “Requiem for a Dream,” his second film, was a critical and commercial success and garnered 2001 Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations for Ellen Burstyn in the Best Actress category. The film won a variety of awards from the Boston Society of Film Critics, Chicago Film Critics Association, Las Vegas Film Critics Society and the National Board of Review.

The team West put together for the film also included director Darren Aronofsky (a 2010 Academy Award nominee for directing “Black Swan”) and Jennifer Connelly (a 2002 Best Supporting Actress Academy Award winner for “A Beautiful Mind”).

West has worked with an impressive list of actors and directors on his many successful films, including Robert Redford, Helen Mirren and Willem DaFoe in “The Clearing”; Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder and Robert Downey Jr. in “A Scanner Darkly”; and Ryan Gosling, Don Cheadle and Kevin Spacey in “The United States of Leland.”

“Odyssey of the Stars” tickets go on sale Thursday, March 1, and cost \$31 for the general public and \$16 for students and children. They’re available at all GrizTix outlets, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 888-MONTANA. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Odyssey sponsorships that help underwrite the event also are available. Sponsors enjoy select seating at the show followed by a VIP champagne reception with West. This year the Islanders Steel Drum Band will perform at the reception.

Two-ticket sponsorships cost \$125, and four-ticket sponsorships are \$225. A portion of an Odyssey sponsorship is tax deductible. Call the College of Visual and Performing Arts at 406-243-4970 for more information on sponsorships.

For more information visit the “Odyssey of the Stars” website at <http://www.umt.edu/umarts/odyssey>.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana captured nine awards during recent marketing competitions.

UM won five awards in the 2012 Communication Awards program of the regional Council for Advancement and Support of Education. CASE District VIII includes the Pacific Northwest, western Canada and Alaska. The winners were:

- **Silver**, The UM Foundation's "2011 Annual Report to Donors" for visual design. Produced by Beth Hammock and Erin Greenside and designed by ThinkHaus Creative, the report is online at <http://www.umt.edu/umf/newsandinformation/Annual%20Reports/>.
- **Bronze**, The University of Montana Foundation Website for overall website excellence. Overseen by Hammock, Greenside, Rebecca Calderara and Ruth Pogacar, the website is online at <http://www.umt.edu/umf/>.
- **Bronze**, "UM 2010 President's Report" for Annual, Semiannual or Biennial Reports. Produced by Cary Shimek, Neal Wiegert, Todd Goodrich, Rita Munzenrider and the University Relations team, it is online at <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/pubs/>.
- **Bronze**, "A Leg to Stand On" by Chad Dundas for writing. The article was published in the spring 2011 issue of the Montanan magazine and is online at <http://www.umt.edu/montanan/s11/A%20Leg%20to%20Stand%20On.asp>.
- **Bronze**, "Mysterious Missing Bees: Researchers find major new suspect for Colony Collapse Disorder" by Shimek for writing. Published in the 2010 issue of Vision, the story is online at <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/pubs/Vision%20magazine/Vision%202010/cover.php>.

UM also won four awards in the national 27th Annual Educational Advertising Awards contest. The winners were:

- **Silver**, the Montanan magazine for external publications. Produced by University Relations and editor-in-chief John Heaney, the Montanan is mailed to more than 95,000 alumni and friends of the University three times a year. It is online at <http://www.umt.edu/montanan>.
- **Bronze**, Research View for newsletters. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Development and produced by University Relations, Research View is UM's research and scholarship newsletter. It is online at <http://www.umt.edu/urelations/pubs/>.
- **Merit**, The Undergraduate Admissions Website for general excellence. Produced by UM Enrollment Services-Admissions, the site is online at <http://admissions.umt.edu/>.
- **Merit**, "UM 2010 President's Report" for annual reports.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area will pair up with the Missoula Food Bank to help young people in the community tackle the stresses and cycle of hunger during Kids Nourish Month.

Throughout March, the Missoula Food Bank and spectrUM will host several activities to promote healthy and nutritious living.

SpectrUM will support the food bank’s mission by offering free admission from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, to anyone who donates a canned good. Thursday’s activity is called “Strawberry DNA Extraction,” while Saturday will feature numerous health-assessment stations suitable for all ages.

SpectrUM also will bring its Nutrition Station to the Missoula Food Bank, located at 219 S. Third St. W., on Friday, March 9, to help promote healthy nutrition to Missoula-area youth.

For more information on spectrUM’s involvement in Kids Nourish Month, call Hannah Motl, special events coordinator, at 406-243-4828 or email hannah.motl@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The first installments of the Native American & Minority Health & Cultural Competency Lecture Series are slated for Tuesday, March 13, at The University of Montana.

Dr. Gregory Holzman will deliver two lectures that day: "Public Health: Building Healthier American Indian and Alaska Native Communities" at 12:10 p.m. in Skaggs Building Room 169, and "Six Winnable Battles Toward a Healthier Community" at 6 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Holzman currently serves as associate deputy director for the Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, an entity of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Board-certified in family and preventive medicine, he worked in Browning on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation before completing his second residency.

Holzman's afternoon lecture will touch on the successes, challenges and opportunities for improving health in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, while his evening talk will focus on the six areas of public health the CDC has identified as "winnable battles": food safety; health care-associated infections; HIV; motor vehicle injuries; nutrition, physical activity and obesity; teen pregnancy; and tobacco.

The series will feature two other lectures this spring. The following lectures will be held at 12:10 p.m. in Skaggs Building Room 169:

- **Tuesday, April 10:** Margaret P. Moss, associate professor at the Yale School of Nursing and director of its Nursing Management, Policy and Leadership Specialty Program, "American Indian Elders: Usual Models of Care." Moss, the only American Indian woman to hold both nursing and juris doctorates, is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota. Her lecture will explore whether traditional models of care fit the unique geographical, political and cultural needs of American Indian elders.
- **Wednesday, April 18:** Sam McCracken, general manager of Nike's N7 Programs and chairman of its N7 Fund, "The Nike N7 Story." McCracken is an enrolled member of the Sioux and Assiniboine tribes on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and a champion for Native American health issues nationwide. His lecture will tell of his journey from working in the Nike distribution warehouse to becoming the general manager for N7, a Nike brand that activates the Native American and Aboriginal communities through the power of sport and physical activity.

Sponsored by UM's Skaggs School of Pharmacy and the Native American Center of Excellence, the lecture series provides health care professionals and students in the campus community the opportunity to learn more about the health care needs of diverse groups in the United States.

More information about the Native American Center of Excellence is available online at <http://www.health.umt.edu/nacoe>.

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MISSOULA –

The Chi chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority at The University of Montana took home three awards during the organization's Pacific Northwest Regional Conference held Feb. 24-26 in Los Angeles.

The awards committee presented the Outstanding Marketing Program, Outstanding Chapter Adviser and Most Improved Chapter honors to members during a Feb. 25 awards luncheon. This is the second consecutive year Chi has received the Most Improved Award.

The committee commended chapter members for drastically improving member recruitment and retention, their commitment to keeping chapter finances current, dedication to their chapter facility, and the effort put into coordinating and promoting the chapter's Red Dress Gala and Casino Night, which in October raised \$5,000 to support women's cardiac care research.

"We are so excited about these awards," said Amy Anderson, chapter president. "Our members and alumnae have worked hard over the past few years to help our chapter thrive so we can continue to honor the legacy and values of our organization. We're excited to build on this momentum."

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women and now has more than 150 collegiate chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Chi chapter was established at UM in 1918 and is one of 21 chapters in the Pacific Northwest Region.

More information is available online at <http://www.umalphaphi.com> and <http://www.alphaphi.org>.

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MISSOULA –

Students in the Advanced Audio course at The University of Montana School of Journalism will host a series of live radio programs on sexual assault.

The first episode of “Without Consent” will air at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, on KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM. The program will include a discussion with a group of citizens and listeners to explore the reasons behind sexual assault and how to work toward solutions. The final goal is to generate solutions from the citizen panel and live callers and hand those suggestions to University policymakers.

Panelists for the show have been selected. Listeners who would like to participate in the program can call KBGA during the show at 406-243-4173 or email footbridgeforum@gmail.com.

Additional “Without Consent” episodes will air live at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, and Thursday, April 26.

The series is part of a larger body of work called the “Footbridge Forum,” which explores community issues. Since 2004, the program has tackled a variety of topics, from the development of the South Campus area to cheating in college and more. For more information on the “Footbridge Forum,” visit <http://footbridgeforum.weebly.com>.

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February 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Wilderness and Civilization Program currently is accepting applications for autumn semester 2012.

The program, the only one of its kind in the country, takes students outside the classroom to learn hands-on in small interdisciplinary classes and from extensive fieldwork. Students who successfully complete the program, which has been offered at UM for more than three decades, earn a wilderness studies minor.

“Wilderness and Civilization brought the real world into the classroom and the classroom into the real world,” said Kip Rand, a past Wilderness and Civilization student.

The Wilderness and Civilization Program is limited to 25 participants, so interested students should apply no later than April 1.

Students spend 30 days in the field throughout the program, learning firsthand how the ecology, politics, history and culture of a place shape conservation efforts. Field trips include a 10-day backpacking trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness and shorter trips to Yellowstone National Park, the Blackfoot, Bitterroot and Mission valleys and the Flathead Reservation.

The field trips complement classroom teaching by exploring real-world environmental issues and the specific ways scientists, managers, community activists, tribal members and landowners meet today’s conservation challenges.

For more information or to apply, call 406-243-6956, email natalie.dawson@cfc.umt.edu or go online to <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wc>.

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UM NEWS



February 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Representatives from Men Can Stop Rape, a national organization aimed at preventing men's violence against women, will be at The University of Montana on Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2, to facilitate workshops and training sessions.

UM's Division of Student Affairs is bringing the group to campus in an effort to combat issues discovered through a University investigation on alleged sexual assaults on and off campus. A report on the investigation is online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/>.

The schedule of Men Can Stop Rape workshops and trainings is as follows:

Thursday, March 1, University Center Theater:

- **11 a.m.-3 p.m.:** Engaging Men in Violence Prevention. Open to all interested students, faculty and staff, this training session will focus on the key elements of engaging college men in preventing sexual assault. Topics will include engaging men through masculinity, recognizing broader forms of violence against women and discussing men's roles in primary prevention.
- **5-8 p.m.:** Where Do You Stand? Bystander Intervention Training. Open to anyone who attends the morning session, this workshop will prepare those who will conduct bystander intervention trainings on campus.

Friday, March 2, Turner Hall Dell Brown Room:

- **8-9:30 a.m.:** New Student Orientation. Facilitators will work with UM staff who participate in new student orientations or otherwise interact with freshmen on how to effectively engage men in primary prevention through existing and developing programs.
- **10 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Men of Strength Club Training. Facilitators will train advisory board members and other campus officials on engaging men on campus through establishing a Men of Strength Club. Topics will include concepts and principles for engaging men, additional strategies, and logistics and details of effectively running a sustainable club and setting up a framework for ongoing support from Men Can Stop Rape.
- **2:30-5:30 p.m.:** Integrating Primary Prevention and Engaging Men Into Academic Courses. This discussion will work with interested faculty and others on ways to integrate violence prevention principles into existing courses and developing new courses. Topics also will include marketing and promoting courses to increase male involvement and examples of Men Can Stop Rape's experience teaching similar courses.

Facilitators strongly encourage anyone planning to attend the March 2 sessions to also participate in the March 1 sessions.

Founded in 1997, Men Can Stop Rape pioneered a different way of addressing the epidemic of violence against women. Though most violent acts against women are committed by men, the vast majority of prevention efforts are risk-reduction and self-defense tactics directed at women. Men Can Stop Rape aims to shift the responsibility of deterring harm away from women by promoting healthy, nonviolent masculinity.

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February 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

The fourth annual Extended Learning Institute will be held Thursday and Friday, March 8-9, at The University of Montana. Registration is open now and costs \$60.

The two-day event titled “New Visions of Learning in a Networked World” is designed to spark dialogue and share best practices and new ideas for those who teach online or support online students. The event is open to anyone interested in online learning at higher education institutions.

Ray Schroeder will deliver the conference keynote address at 8 a.m., Friday, March 9. Schroeder is the associate vice chancellor for online learning and founding director of the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

The conference is sponsored by UOnline, UM’s School of Extended and Lifelong Learning and the Montana University System.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.umt.edu/xli>.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana will debut the Diversity Film Series with a showing of “Wal-Mart: The High Price of a Low Cost” at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in UC Rooms 326 and 327.

Sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies program and the Student Involvement Network, the series will show films the first three Thursdays in March. Each film starts at 6 p.m. The series is free and open to the public.

On March 8, “Miss Representation” shows in the UC Theater, and “Laskar Pelangi” plays on March 15 in UC Rooms 330 and 331.

After each film an educational forum will address topics in the film such as economic power, treatment of employees, how media portrays women and socioeconomic status.

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MISSOULA –

An internationally recognized researcher known for his contributions in human and animal genetics, evolutionary biology, AIDS and other fields will deliver the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Stephen J. O'Brien will present "Three Decades of Genomics and AIDS: Tiptoe Towards a Solution" at 8 p.m. Monday, March 5, in the University Theatre. O'Brien, who founded and currently heads the Laboratory of Genomic Diversity at the National Cancer Institute, will discuss the state of scientific knowledge on the disease.

O'Brien also will give a seminar, "A Moving Landscape of Comparative Genomics in Mammals," earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. O'Brien's seminar will be held in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum and the Montana Ecology of Infectious Diseases Program. Both events are free and open to the public.

After studying molecular and population genetics at Cornell University, O'Brien joined the National Cancer Institute in 1971, where he founded the Laboratory of Genomic Diversity in the 1980s. The lab has since assembled thousands of animal and human tissue/DNA specimens, prompting wide-ranging studies on disease gene associations, species adaptation and natural history.

In addition to his work in animal genetics, O'Brien is credited with discovering the first of 20 human AIDS restriction genes, and his research group has now identified eight distinct human genetic variants that influence the outcome of exposure to HIV.

O'Brien is the editor of several scientific journals, has written more than 450 articles and is the author of three books: "Genetic Maps," "Tears of the Cheetah: The Genetic Secrets of Our Animal Ancestors" and "Atlas of Mammalian Chromosomes."

More information on the President's Lecture Series is available online at <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures>.

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UM NEWS



February 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana faculty are more civic-minded and involved in their community than those at UM's peer institutions, according to the results of a recent national survey of university and college faculty.

According to the Higher Education Research Institute Faculty Survey, 68 percent of UM's faculty spend at least one hour each week engaging in community or public service, compared with 50 percent of faculty at other public institutions in the country. Additionally, 52.3 percent of UM faculty responded that instilling a commitment to community service in their students is "essential/very important," compared with 39.4 percent at peer institutions.

"UM faculty demonstrate time and again their commitment to educating engaged citizens of local and global communities," said Arlene Walker-Andrews, UM associate provost for undergraduate education and policy. "And they exhibit their dedication through their interactions with students and outreach to communities throughout the state, nation and world."

The Higher Education Research Institute, an entity of the University of California, Los Angeles, issues its faculty survey annually to colleges and universities across the country. UM faculty last participated in 2005.

The University's Faculty Development Office Steering Committee invited all tenured and tenure-track faculty to take the most recent survey last spring, and 38 percent responded. Walker-Andrews said the pool of respondents was fairly representative of UM faculty as a whole.

"One of the greatest assets of our University is the high level of interaction with our community," said UM President Royce Engstrom. "As these data show, our faculty members apply their knowledge and time to the betterment of our community. I am proud of them."

Other related findings of the survey include:

- 44.5 percent of UM respondents said facilitating student involvement in community service is their "highest priority/high priority," compared with 33.4 percent at other public universities.
- 37.2 percent responded it's their "highest priority/high priority" to help students learn how to bring about change in society, compared with 26.7 percent at peer institutions.
- 76.1 percent responded they "agree strongly/agree somewhat" that their institution takes responsibility for educating underprepared students, compared with 61 percent at peer institutions.
- 91 percent responded they "agree strongly/agree somewhat" that faculty at UM are strongly interested in the academic problems of undergraduates, compared with 81.8 percent at peer institutions.
- 87.8 percent responded they "agree strongly/agree somewhat" that UM faculty are interested in students' personal problems, compared with 76.6 percent at peer institutions.
- 75.4 percent responded that enhancing students' knowledge of and appreciation of other racial and ethnic groups is "essential/very important," compared with 67.7 percent at peer institutions.

Complete survey results can be viewed on the UM Office of the Provost website at <http://www.umt.edu/provost/fdo/HERI%20survey/>.

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UM NEWS



February 22, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Division of Student Affairs at The University of Montana will accept applications beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28, for a student-employment program that allows individuals to explore career opportunities in various Student Affairs departments.

The Student Affairs Immersion Learning program, or SAIL, gives successful applicants the opportunity to spend autumn semester in four-week rotations in each of three selected Student Affairs departments to gain knowledge of specific programs, services and operations. During spring semester SAIL interns will spend 16 weeks in one selected department. Interns are awarded in-state tuition waivers and are paid \$10 per hour for working 15-20 hours a week.

Participating Student Affairs departments include American Indian Student Services, Campus Recreation, Career Services, Curry Health Center, University Dining Services, Disability Services for Students, Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, Foreign Student and Scholar Services, Residence Life, Student Affairs Information Technology and the University Center.

The SAIL program aims to increase the visibility of career opportunities in the Student Affairs profession, provide students with valuable hands-on experience and assist with the recruitment and retention of Student Affairs professionals.

For more information or to apply, visit the SAIL website at <http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/sail>, call program coordinator Byron Drake at 406-243-4139 or email byron.drake@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



February 22, 2012

MISSOULA –

Nearly 60 teams of high school students from around the state are heading to The University of Montana to compete at the World Affairs Council of Montana's eighth annual Academic WorldQuest competition on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

This year's event marks the largest Academic WorldQuest competition in council history, and the third largest in the nation.

The competition tests students' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history, culture and more. Four-person teams have prepared for several months to answer questions from 10 categories, including U.S. energy policy, U.S. economic competitiveness and the Middle East. Each school will bring its best and brightest students to UM to compete.

Events will take place in the University Center Ballroom. The schedule is as follows:

- **10:45 a.m.:** Foreign film discussion with UM Lecturer Udo Fluck.
- **12:45 p.m.:** Roundtable discussion with UM foreign students.
- **2:15 p.m.:** Presentation by Mark Johnson, council founder and former ambassador.
- **3 p.m.:** Global group team challenge focusing on NATO and its role in the world today.
- **4:30 p.m.:** Competition rounds one through five.
- **5:30 p.m.:** Team dinner.
- **6:30 p.m.:** Competition rounds six through 10.
- **7:45 p.m.:** Closing remarks and awards ceremony.

Missoula Mayor John Engen will emcee the evening competition, and Lt. Gov. John Bollinger will make special remarks. Community members are invited to attend the competition and try their luck at answering questions.

With support from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the winning team will travel to Washington, D.C., in April to represent Montana at the National Academic WorldQuest Competition. While in Washington, the winning team will meet with Montana's congressional delegation and tour the U.S. Capitol.

The World Affairs Council of Montana is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging citizens on global issues. The Montana Academic WorldQuest program began in 2005 with three teams competing. Fifty-nine teams will compete in 2012.

For more information visit <http://montanaworldaffairs.org/index.php/education/academic-world-quest>.

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UM NEWS



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February 22, 2012

MISSOULA –

For the second year in a row, a University of Montana accounting graduate student has earned a prestigious national scholarship.

Michele Keener, a Master of Accountancy student in UM's School of Business Administration, received the 2011-12 John L. Carey Scholarship, awarded by the American Institute of CPAs. Keener also received the \$5,000 scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year.

AICPA awards the scholarship to students with little or no previous accounting education who intend to pursue graduate accounting degrees and become CPAs. It supports recipients by helping with tuition and other educational expenses as they pursue a professional career in accounting in a full-time graduate program. Only 10 students nationwide received the 2011-12 award.

Keener credits her success to the challenging Master of Accountancy curriculum, as well her professors and mentors, including Janel Queen, director of the business school's Career Development Program, and Cheryl Minnick with UM's Internship Services.

"The rigors of the curriculum are matched by the dedication of the professors and students," Keener said. "We are creating a culture of excellence here at SoBA, and the achievements of our graduates will stand as testament to that excellence. I feel fortunate to be part of that mission."

After working as an independent bookkeeper and small-business accountant for 10 years, Keener enrolled as a graduate student in the business school's Master of Accountancy Program in 2010. She has a bachelor's degree in English and philosophy from Rice University and also attended the New York University Graduate School for postbaccalaureate work in English literature.

Keener recently accepted a job at KPMG, an audit, tax and advisory firm in New York City. She will join the firm as an audit and assurance associate in its Financial Services Division this fall.

More information is available online at <http://www.business.umt.edu/Soba/featureStories/micheleKeener.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



February 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

Started as the Lumberjacks' Dance in 1916, the Foresters' Ball has a long and storied tradition at The University of Montana. The event raises money for student scholarships and showcases programs in UM's College of Forestry and Conservation.

The event also has been a magnet for excessive drinking, and President Royce Engstrom said that must change for the University to continue hosting the event.

In a Feb. 21 letter to forestry college Dean James Burchfield, Engstrom said he will permit the Foresters' Ball next year if substantial changes are made to the event. At a minimum, the president expects changes in the following areas:

- The time of day the event starts and finishes must change. The president will not approve an event that lasts late into the evening.
- Exhibits or venues that encourage inappropriate behavior must be eliminated.
- The ball design must be attractive to and appropriate for families and school-age children for at least part of the function.
- The event must be designed to be educational as opposed to a party.
- Attendance must be a more manageable size.
- A clear plan must be in place for controlling admission of individuals under the influence of alcohol.

Engstrom said Foresters' Ball leadership must create a written plan to eliminate the inappropriate behavior present at the most recent event. The student-driven plan must include input and feedback from forestry faculty, the newly formed Forestry Scholarship Association, the UM Office of Public Safety and Burchfield.

"I am pleased to see that President Engstrom has challenged the students and faculty of the College of Forestry and Conservation to redesign the Foresters' Ball to reflect our primary interests to protect the health and safety of students while celebrating our important traditions," Burchfield said. "I am encouraging an inclusive process where students, faculty, staff and alumni can consider a new type of celebration of forestry that will make all of us proud. I believe the development of this plan will allow important reflection and the strengthening of relationships with our many friends and partners."

Engstrom said the plan must be presented to him by April 15. It then must be endorsed by UM faculty and forestry alumni.

"If we cannot come to agreement on the plan by the end of spring semester, the ball will not happen next year," Engstrom wrote. The full letter is online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/> under "Highlighted Links."

The 95th annual Foresters' Ball took place on campus Feb. 3-4 in the Adams Center.

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UM NEWS



February 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture will host an opening reception for two new exhibitions from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center Lobby at The University of Montana.

The exhibitions, “Nadia Hironaka and Matthew Suib: Black Hole/Whiteout” and “Curiosity: Selections from the Permanent Collection,” will be on display through May 19. The exhibitions are free and open to the public.

“Black Hole/Whiteout” features two immersive video installations by collaborators Hironaka and Suib. The MMAC exhibition marks the first time the pieces, conceived as counterpoints, will be shown together.

“Black Hole” (2008) incorporates a variety of footage generated by Hironaka and Suib, as well as appropriated imagery that explores the narrative and metaphorical potential of images and sound within the context of current events, historical events and cinematic conventions.

“Whiteout” (2010) uses footage from different sources: White Sands National Monument in New Mexico; the Marion Brooks Natural Area, site of one of the largest birch forests in the U.S.; and the films “Lawrence of Arabia” and “Ivan’s Childhood.”

Hironaka and Suib have gained critical acclaim for their series of video installations. The artists have collaborated since 2007, when they founded Screening, Philadelphia’s first gallery dedicated to the presentation of works on video and film. Each has received the esteemed Pew Fellowship in the Arts, and they have exhibited at international venues such as Shang Elements Museum of Contemporary Art in Beijing, Artists Space in New York City, Kim Light/Light Box in Los Angeles and ARCOmadrid.

Hironaka and Suib will present an artists’ lecture at 5:15 p.m. during the March 2 reception.

“Curiosity: Selections from the Permanent Collection” features seldom-seen aspects of the vast treasury of the MMAC Permanent Collection, which numbers nearly 11,000 objects.

The title of the exhibition is a play on the term “cabinet of curiosities,” an expression derived from the German term “wunderkammer,” the encyclopedic 16th-century assemblages that served as the first examples of museum collections. Early cabinets attempted to catalog scientific knowledge and included an eclectic range of geological, natural history and fine art objects.

There are two lectures associated with the “Curiosity” exhibition: “Cabinet of Curiosities” by UM art and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacon on Wednesday, March 14, and “Steppin’ Out: The Shoemaker’s Art” by Sharlot Battin, Metropolitan Opera and Broadway shoe designer, on Wednesday, March 28. Both lectures will take place at 7 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center’s Masquer Theatre.

MMAC’s hours are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information call 406-243-2019 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Digital images of select items included in the exhibitions are available upon request by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



February 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

Montana's consumers were significantly more upbeat about the economy than their counterparts elsewhere in the country at the close of last year, according to a poll conducted by The University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

BBER Director Patrick Barkey reports the most recent Montana Poll Index of Consumer Sentiment from December 2011 was 106.6, up from 100.8 in December 2010. The Montana index peaked at 132.5 in December 2007.

In contrast, the University of Michigan's nationwide Index of Consumer Sentiment suggests that U.S. consumers have become increasingly downcast. The U.S. index was 69.9 in December 2011, down from 70.6 in December 2010.

"The continued higher confidence Montanans express in our economy than the national average is a remarkable finding," Barkey said. "It reflects both the current economy and what people see as the prospects ahead. People are clearly more bullish on the economy here in Montana."

The Montana poll, conducted regularly since 1982, assesses consumer confidence using survey questions identical to those used by the nationally recognized U.S. Index of Consumer Sentiment conducted by the University of Michigan.

Consumer confidence indexes are closely watched indicators that often predict swings in consumer spending, according to Barkey. The BBER index is based on a series of questions that ask consumers to evaluate their own economic status, the direction of the state economy and the climate for buying durable goods.

The index is benchmarked to a baseline of 100. The most recent findings are based on a representative Montana sample of 414 adults polled from Dec. 8 to Jan. 5 by BBER's survey research department.

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UM NEWS



February 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

After a successful crowdsource fundraising campaign, Buffalo's Fire, a Native news website found at <http://www.buffalosfire.com>, is ready to go live. The Buffalo's Fire team is scheduled to officially launch the site Feb. 29-March 1 during the Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Business Trade Fair scheduled in Las Vegas.

Originally created as a blog in 2009 by veteran journalist Jodi Rave, Buffalo's Fire brings together news from across the country, including tribal press outlets, mainstream media and Native blogs. Buffalo's Fire will cover an array of issues including politics, language revitalization, the environment, science, education, indigenous knowledge, natural resource development, trust reform and other news.

Rave believes a site like Buffalo's Fire will fill a void in coverage of American Indian issues in the United States. Just as significant, she said, is the need for entrepreneurship in journalism and for independent news sources that embrace accurate storytelling.

"As the world of journalism shifts from corporate control to a diverse digital platform, Buffalo's Fire will chart a new course in Native news," Rave said.

In addition to news and commentary, the website offers an online platform for businesses and organizations in need of marketing, including placement for classified ads, job postings and digital advertising.

Rave aims to make Buffalo's Fire a must-read source for original commentary, opinion and analysis pieces from topic experts in Indian Country. The first round of commentaries in Buffalo's Fire featured articles by Lisa Lone Fight, a remote sensing scientist, national speaker and former Native Science field director; Sally Willett, a retired judge who spent 20 years at the Department of the Interior; author Mark Trahan; Fredricka Hunter, American Indian Student Services director at The University of Montana, Lita Pepion, who is running for the Montana Legislature; and others.

Rave is a noted columnist who has received first-place awards from the Montana Press Association, Native American Journalist Association and the Society of Professional Journalists, Pacific Northwest. She also received a "commentary excellence award" from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism's "Let's Do It Better Workshop on Race and Ethnicity."

"Indian Country needs a professional news forum to give space to experts who are in the trenches and familiar with tribal community concerns," Rave said. "Too often, critical stories are overlooked by traditional news outlets. What typically happens is these stories don't get any media attention until a crisis is at hand. Buffalo's Fire will provide a venue for people to have a conversation about news of the day."

An award-winning journalist, Rave covered American Indian issues for more than a decade with the fourth largest news chain in the country, Lee Enterprises. She is the only American Indian woman to receive a Nieman Journalism Fellowship from Harvard University. She has received awards from the tribal, mainstream and military press. Her reporting on Indian land management is featured in, "The Authentic Voice: The Best Reporting on Race and Diversity." She founded White Swan Media, the parent company of Buffalo's Fire.

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UM NEWS



February 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana researchers found that key factors for Montana’s forest products industry improved little during 2011. After falling steeply during the recession and 2010, lumber production, employment of mill workers and wages stabilized somewhat but at levels about half of what they were during the peak year of 2005.

Todd Morgan, director of forest industry research at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said the slow recovery from the recession and ongoing U.S. housing slump are still impacting Montana’s forest products industry.

“Montana’s forest industry will continue to deal with a combination of local and regional factors that make major recovery in the near term unlikely,” he said.

Lumber production at Montana sawmills in the fourth quarter of 2011 fell to approximately 121 million board feet, down 8 percent from the third quarter of 2011. Total Montana lumber production for 2011 was approximately 499 million board feet, down about 1 percent from 2010. Compared with 2005, when U.S. housing starts were at their peak, Montana lumber production in 2011 was down 50 percent.

According to BBER’s quarterly reports on the industry, the number of production workers employed in Montana mills during the fourth quarter of 2011 was 1,567, off by less than 1 percent from the third quarter of 2011. Approximately 2,050 (57 percent) fewer production workers were employed in Montana mills during 2011 than during 2005. Job losses from curtailments and permanent mill closures during the post-boom period continue to be reflected in the state’s forest industry employment figures.

Production wages at mills remained stable during the fourth quarter of 2011. Wages were \$14.2 million during the fourth quarter of 2011, versus \$14.5 million during the third quarter. The quarter-to-quarter drop in wages is largely due to shortened holiday work weeks, temporary curtailments and other efforts by mills to keep costs down while still retaining employees. Total 2011 production wages were \$57.5 million, up approximately 2 percent from \$56.3 million in 2010.

Log prices in Montana have remained relatively flat the past three years. The expected demand for logs at Montana mills over the next 60 days is good, while mills deal with the continued lack of demand for their finished products. Local log prices have not risen as much as in the Pacific coast region, which enjoys ready access to international log markets. Montana mills could face higher log prices from competition with exporters.

More than two-thirds of Montana’s mill managers reported a significant shortage of raw material. Few mills have full log yards, and several mills are still actively purchasing timber to ensure a sufficient log inventory going into the spring break-up, when the ground is usually too soft and wet for logging.

Wage, employment and production figures refer only to production workers at timber-processing facilities and mills that use wood residue from timber-processing facilities. Production workers account for 30 to 40 percent of the workers in Montana’s forest products industry. Estimates do not include several thousand workers in logging, trucking and related jobs.

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UM NEWS



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February 15, 2012

MISSOULA –

Hundreds of students will converge Friday through Sunday, Feb. 17-19, on The University of Montana campus for the Rocky Mountain Power Shift conference.

The event brings together more than 200 university and high school students from the Rocky Mountain West for workshops, panel discussions, keynote speakers and socials.

Power Shift is open to all high school and university students. Registration costs \$10 and is open through Friday, Feb. 17. The first 300 registrants will receive a free dinner and T-shirt. For more information or to register, visit <http://rockies.wearepowershift.org>.

Created in 2007, Power Shift conferences aim to educate the next generation of civic leaders, promote sustainability initiatives and provide opportunities through a collaborative environment. This is the first time Power Shift has been held in the Rocky Mountains.

UM graduate Yaicha Bookhout is a lead organizer of this year’s conference.

“We decided to bring Power Shift to Montana after 20 UM students went last year to the national conference in D.C.,” Bookhout said. “It changed my life. I would not be the organizer I am today without attending Power Shift.”

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UM NEWS



February 15, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites local high school students to campus on Thursday, Feb. 23, to learn more about the academic excellence, superior student services and infinite opportunities available right in their own backyard.

“An Evening with UM” will begin with a welcome from President Royce Engstrom at 6 p.m. in University Center Rooms 330-333, followed by refreshments and conversation with UM students, admissions counselors and faculty.

The event also includes complimentary tickets to the Griz basketball game against Northern Arizona University which tips off at 7 p.m. in Dahlberg Arena.

To RSVP for “An Evening at UM,” email Karissa Drye at karissa.drye@mso.umt.edu. To reserve basketball tickets, RSVP by Monday, Feb. 20.

For more information about attending UM, visit the Enrollment Services-Admissions website at <http://admissions.umt.edu/>.

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UM NEWS



February 15, 2012

MISSOULA –

Two University of Montana School of Art MFA thesis exhibitions, “Giving the Ghost” and “Suspension of Belief,” will be on display from Tuesday, Feb. 28, through Friday, March 16, in the Gallery of Visual Arts.

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

“Giving the Ghost” features individual and collaborative work by UM art students Will Hutchinson and Nathan Toning. Working under the moniker FrontierSpace, Hutchinson and Toning created a series of works that embrace sculptural tradition as well as more socially active works. Individually, the artists explore a range of materials and approaches to the artistic process, addressing the ghost as it appears as a mediator between artist, artwork and audience.

“Suspension of Belief,” Yaro Shon Neil’s exhibition of photographs and objects, is an intimate exploration of the line separating the fantastical from the mundane, loosely investigating the role that fairy tales play in shaping personal, as well as a larger cultural, mythology. When engaging with a story, temporarily suspending disbelief is necessary to fully connect to the events unfolding, and the artist questions what happens when this suspension of disbelief is carried over into the everyday.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. Monday viewings are available by appointment only.

More information about the UM School of Art is online at <http://www.umt.edu/art>.

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UM NEWS



February 15, 2012

HAMILTON –

Officials with the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana have decided to launch a new BCP Advisory Council. The new 12-member council replaces the steering committee that had guided the college program’s early development.

“With the completion of the BCP’s strategic plan, the BCP has moved to a new stage of development,” Director Victoria Clark said. “The college program has transitioned from needing a specially designated group to plan and guide the program through its initial formation to a group focused on broad and long-range issues such as programming direction and development, funding sources identification, campus leadership and student support services expansion.”

The Advisory Council will hold its first meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Human Resource Council Building meeting room, located at 316 N. 3rd St. in **Hamilton**. The council is a public board and welcomes members of the public to observe and participate in its meetings.

Clark said the BCP Advisory Council will hold meetings from 3 to 5 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month going forward. The public will be notified if the meeting time needs to change.

Lynn Stocking, associate dean of the UM College of Technology, will serve as interim chair of the Advisory Council until its leadership is decided in the next few months.

BCP offers College of Technology and UM general education courses in Hamilton. To enroll in BCP courses, students much register for classes as either a COT or UM student. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/bcp>.

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UM NEWS



February 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The national Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education has granted the Skaggs School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy program at The University of Montana accreditation for the next eight years, the maximum term allowed.

"This is testimony to the quality of both our faculty and students who make the program what it is," said Vernon Grund, interim dean of the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, which houses the pharmacy school. "State-of-the-art research, innovative classes and professional experiences keep our students at their very best as they become well-prepared to practice pharmacy, not just in Montana but throughout the country."

ACPE cited the progress the school has made since its last accreditation review, including the use of interviews as part of the admissions process. The accreditation report also commended the school for developing a policy that could lead to a model for teaching professionalism, its innovative Integrated Studies course and for being ranked in the top 12 pharmacy programs nationally for research funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The accreditation site visit team also was impressed with the collegiality and positive attitude of the faculty and cited the Skaggs Building facilities as a strength. As a concern, the team noted faculty and staff salaries are well below the national average for pharmacy schools.

"In the past year faculty, led by coordinating Professor Jean Carter, worked extremely hard to put together the self-study, which included a long-range strategic plan, a program evaluation and an assessment plan," said David Forbes, interim vice president of Research and Development at UM and former dean of the college. "This accreditation is a direct reflection of their professionalism and dedication to making the pharmacy program one of the best in the nation."

According to the accreditation site visit team, "the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences is seen as a shining star on campus, and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy appears to be driving this view."

Grund also acknowledged the extra effort contributed by Carter, Assistant Dean Lori Morin, department chairs Michael Rivey and Richard Bridges, the Assessment Committee and the Curriculum Committee.

Though the program is accredited through June 30, 2020, the ACPE board will require written interim reports as part of its program monitoring. These will include updates on the strategic plan, the assessment plan, the curriculum map and the progress made in securing additional resources for faculty salaries.

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UM NEWS

February 14, 2012

MISSOULA —

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will host its annual RadioThon pledge drive through Friday, Feb. 17. The station hopes to raise \$15,000, which symbolizes \$1,000 for each year KBGA has served the Missoula community.

The KBGA staff and volunteers will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day of the drive to accept calls from the KBGA listening community. Listeners can donate by calling 406-243-KBGA or by going online to <http://www.kbga.org>. In return for donations, listeners will receive premium packages that include KBGA merchandise and gift certificates, as well as merchandise and services from local businesses.

KBGA will celebrate the week of fundraising with the EndofThon benefit concert at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Badlander and Palace Lounge in downtown Missoula. The show will feature the bands Mt. St. Helens Vietnam Band, Hosannas, King Elephant, ESKMO, Kris Moon and Logisticalone. The concert is open to ages 18 and older and costs \$10 at the door.

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UM NEWS



February 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum at The University of Montana scheduled for noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, has been postponed due to speaker illness.

Yvette Converse with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will present her lecture, “The Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative: A Collective Vision for our Landscape,” at noon Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Law Building Castles Center.

For more information call Sarah Bates at 406-207-9071 or email sarah@cnrep.org. The full schedule for the forum series is available online at <http://www.cnrep.org>.

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UM NEWS

February 13, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host a variety of groups and organizations that provide stress-relieving tips and methods for students at the Chill Out event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in the UC Atrium.

Curry Health Center will offer biofeedback and light therapy. TRiO Student Support Services will provide information about time management and study tips. A student group will give crafting lessons. Students can play games on a Wii to get moving, and napping areas will be available. Tea and snacks will be provided.

Local companies will provide services as well. The Yoga Fitness Center will host two free yoga classes at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in UC Room 330. In Room 326 of the UC, Red Willow Learning Center will do hypnosis therapy, homeopathy, aqua chi detox foot baths and counseling. The Water Lilies store will offer coupons, samples of essential oils and other products for the body, mind and soul.

The Acupuncture Clinic of Missoula will demonstrate techniques in UC Room 327, and the Core Studio at Alpine will provide a core align machine to try out, a free Oula dance class and a free kickboxing class.

For more information call UC student coordinator Karisa Vaillancourt at 406-243-6357, email karisa.vaillancourt@mso.umt.edu or visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc>.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center Gallery at The University of Montana will display works by local artist and illustrator Courtney Blazon in an exhibition titled “My Street Has Strange Houses.”

The collection of multimedia, two- and three-dimensional pieces is on display Feb. 27 through March 23. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1 in the UC Gallery, with an artist talk starting at 5:30 p.m.

Blazon was born in New Hampshire and earned her bachelor’s degree in fine arts focusing on illustration from Parsons New School of Design in New York City. She moved to Missoula after graduation, where she works as an artist and illustrator.

Blazon is strongly influenced by myths, fables and fairytales. She expresses her deep interest in the natural world, and explores the unknown through her work by creating a union between the natural and the imaginary.

Along with various local galleries and venues, publications such as the “Western Edition of New American Paintings” and Studio Visit Magazine have featured Blazon’s work. Online publications such as Juxtapoz and Google’s Artist A Day have spotlighted her work as well. Locally, Blazon illustrates for groups from Shakespeare and Co. to the Missoula Independent.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in UC Room 227.

For more information call 406-243-5564 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc/ucg>.

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MISSOULA —

Award-winning author Rebecca Walker will give a lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, in the University Center Ballroom at The University of Montana.

Walker will discuss topics of multi-faceted identity, the notion of family and how it exists within the context of diversity. The author will hold a book signing after the lecture.

The author of “Black, White and Jewish” and “Baby Love” memoirs, Walker edited the anthologies “To Be Real,” “What Makes a Man” and “One Big Happy Family.” The collection “One Big Happy Family” explores the explosion of nontraditional family configurations in the United States. It includes different perspectives on polyamory, transracial adoption, house-husbandry and single motherhood.

Walker’s writing has appeared in Newsweek, Glamour, Marie Claire, The Washington Post and many other publications and literary collections. Time magazine named her one of the most influential leaders of her generation for her transformative views on race, gender, sexuality and power and for her work on intergenerational feminism and multiracial identity. She was featured on “The Oprah Winfrey Show”, “Good Morning America” and the BET network.

The lecture and book signing are free and open to the public. For more information about Walker, visit http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/diversity_program/default.php.

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UM NEWS



February 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

For the 13th consecutive semester, University of Montana student-athletes maintained an average cumulative grade-point average above 3.0.

The results are recorded in the Autumn Semester 2011 Term Report for Athletic Academic Services. The document reveals that UM's 272 athletes maintained an average cumulative GPA of 3.06. This compares favorably to the cumulative 2.91 GPA earned by the 10,645 undergraduates in UM's general student population.

"This report demonstrates that our student-athletes work and perform just as hard on their academics as they do in getting ready for their athletic competitions," Director of Athletics Jim O'Day said. "We are very proud of these talented young men and women and the way in which they prepare themselves for life after their collegiate athletic experience ends."

"As a group, our student-athletes take their academic work seriously," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "I admire their hard work both in their respective sport and in their academic major. We have a proud tradition of student-athletes performing well in the classroom. I appreciate the outstanding support they receive from coaches, academic advisers and support staff."

The report reveals that student-athletes took more credits on average (13.29) than the general student population (11.84). Athletes also landed on the dean's list (20.5 percent) at a higher percentage than other undergraduates (19 percent) and had a higher percentage with a perfect 4.0 GPA (7.7 percent) than the general student population (5.4 percent).

"This really shows that our student-athletes are committed to being students first and athletes second," said Darr Tucknott, who coordinates UM's Athletic Academic Services. "I am especially proud of our female student-athletes who continue to earn GPAs well above the general student population average."

The UM women's cross country team led the way in athletic academic excellence with an average cumulative GPA of 3.69. They were followed by women's track and field (3.45), volleyball (3.42), soccer (3.32), men's tennis (3.31) and women's basketball (3.27).

"I'm proud of how hard our students have worked to achieve academic success," said Jennifer Zellmer-Cuaresma, UM's athletic academic adviser. "These individuals have a strong drive and are determined and motivated to be great on the field and in the classroom."

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UM NEWS



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February 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Japanese Student Association will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the catastrophic Tohoku Earthquake with a fundraising dinner for the Japan Rising Opportunity Scholarship fund on Saturday, March 3.

The dinner is slated for 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 201 S. Fifth Street W. in Missoula. Kiyokazu Ota, the consulate-general of Japan in Seattle, has been invited to attend as the keynote speaker.

The scholarship fund was created in response to the March 2011 earthquake that caused a tsunami and nuclear disaster and supports afflicted UM students from Japan. Proceeds from the fundraising dinner will support the scholarship of future UM students from the impacted areas and serves as a reminder that long-term recovery effort is still needed.

Tickets cost \$25 for the general public, \$15 for students and are free for children 5 or younger. Tickets can be purchased Feb. 15-29 by calling Foreign Student and Scholar Services at 406-243-2226.

More information on the Japan Rising Opportunity Scholarship and UM's relief efforts is available online at <http://umt.edu/japan>.

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February 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

The National Science Foundation has awarded Sunburst Sensors a \$2.5 million contract to provide instruments for its studies.

Sunburst Sensors is owned by Mike DeGrandpre, a chemistry professor at The University of Montana, and Jim Beck, the company president.

DeGrandpre invented Sunburst's Submersible Autonomous Moored Instruments (SAMIs). The instruments measure pH and the amount of dissolved carbon dioxide in bodies of water. More than 100 of these oceanic instruments will be manufactured in Missoula.

DeGrandpre developed Sunburst Sensors in 1999 as a way to bridge his research to the private sector. Beck, a mechanical engineer, joined the company in 2005 to diversify and improve Sunburst's product line. The company employs a lab technician, two engineers, a research scientist and an accountant.

DeGrandpre and his company will work with the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, a non-profit organization that represents 99 leading public and private ocean research and education institutions. Its mission is to advance research and education to promote effective ocean policies.

"Award of the Ocean Observatories Initiative contract to Sunburst Sensors is affirmation of the quality of our technology and is a credit to the hard work by my business partner Jim Beck and the employees at Sunburst Sensors," DeGrandpre said. "Through this contract Sunburst Sensors will become a leading contributor to our understanding of the ocean carbon cycle and ocean acidification."

Sunburst Sensors got its start in UM's MonTEC business incubator and now has an office located on West Broadway in Missoula.

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UM NEWS



February 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

A consortium of Missoula fire scientists recently received a \$3 million grant to implement sophisticated experiments on large prescribed fires in Florida.

For the past three years, researchers with The University of Montana National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis and the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station have worked as part of a diverse team to develop field instruments and techniques to precisely measure fuels, wind, moisture, fire behavior and emissions.

The Missoula team works with researchers from four other U.S. Forest Service research stations and two other universities. The group has teamed up to overcome the difficulties of making scientific measurements while fire is actively burning. By working together, they can share equipment and resources efficiently.

The group already tested and refined their methodologies on seven large prescribed fires at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida through participation in the Prescribed Fire Combustion and Atmospheric Dynamics Research Experiment, or RxCadre. RxCadre is a grassroots, nationally collaborative science team with strong ties to the operational fire community.

“We are excited to join other scientists trying to better understand the interactions of fire, weather and fuels in the field,” said Carl Seielstad, an associate professor in UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation. “We have been working toward this goal for several years now. We need integrated field observations to validate laboratory experiments and models, but they are difficult to collect.”

The grant, partially funded by the federal Joint Fire Science Program, will fund research essential for developing and validating next-generation fire models that combine atmospheric measurements with fire behavior and effects.

Seielstad uses laser scanning to create detailed three-dimensional models of fuel beds before and after burns. Engineers Bret Butler and Dan Jimenez measure in-fire energy transfer using instruments developed and built at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory, part of the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. Atmospheric chemist Shawn Urbanski will measure smoke emission factors throughout the plume using fixed-wing aircraft, and physical scientist Bryce Nordgren is developing a data management system to integrate observations produced by six different science teams.

UM’s fire center and the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory have collaborated through the Wildland Fire Science Partnership since 2007 to improve the management of wildland fire through integration of science, technology, education and practical experience. The Joint Fire Science Program funds scientific research on wildland fires and distributes results to help policymakers, fire managers and practitioners make sound decisions.

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February 08, 2012

MISSOULA –

Relationship expert David Coleman, better known as “The Dating Doctor,” will present “Making Relationships Matter” at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in Urey Lecture Hall at The University of Montana.

Sponsored by the Penetralia chapter of Mortar Board at UM, the event is free and open to the public.

Coleman has been honored 13 times as a national speaker of the year and is a highly sought-after speaker, entertainer, emcee, author, leadership trainer, retreat facilitator, and radio and TV personality. He’s been featured in publications such as Us Weekly, Glamour, Mademoiselle, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and others.

Coleman’s program teaches people how to create and maintain healthy relationships. His presentation will cover how to make relationships more fulfilling in everyday life, as well as tips on how to form, mend and sustain meaningful relationships. Topics include who controls relationships and why, basic differences between men and women, arousal points for men and women, and how to be more physically and emotionally romantic with others.

More information on The Dating Doctor is online at <http://www.datingdoctor.com>. More information on Mortar Board at UM is available at <http://www.umt.edu/mortarboard>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: To schedule an interview or media appearance with Coleman before or after his presentation, call Brooke Sines at 866-328-3762 or email brooke@datingdoctor.com.

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UM NEWS



February 08, 2012

MISSOULA –

Three resident artists from the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena will demonstrate their skills in ceramic art during the annual Archie Bray Day on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at The University of Montana.

Events will run from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Artist demonstrations featuring Andrew Casto, Alanna DeRocchi and Kenyon Hansen will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio of UM's Art Annex, located south of the Adams Center. Slide lectures of the artists' work will be shown from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the annex.

Casto received his bachelor's degree from Earlham College in Indiana and his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa. His sculptural objects create metaphorical links between personal narratives and physical forces of erosion and entropy.

DeRocchi received her Master of Fine Arts degree from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, and she also earned bachelor's degrees from Western Illinois University. She says the scale, fragmentation and odd appearances of the animals and furniture in her installations are "intended to shift perception from the ordinary and disturb connection to the familiar."

Hansen received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Finlandia University International School of Art and Design. He intends for his pottery to contribute to a renaissance of tradition and habit, saying "my hope is that the pots I make play a role and be a factor in a renewal of tradition."

More information on the artists and their work is available online at http://archiebray.org/residence_program/current_residents.html. More information on the UM Ceramics Program is online at <http://www.umt.edu/art/programs/ceramics>.

Archie Bray Day is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM School of Art.

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Note to media: Photos of selected works by the artists are available by calling UM Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-6476.

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February 08, 2012

MISSOULA –

International Admissions at The University of Montana invites high school foreign exchange students to explore campus during International UM Day on Friday, March 23.

International UM Day offers foreign exchange students a unique opportunity to experience life at UM and explore the option of pursuing higher education in the United States. Participants will learn about international admission and the student visa process, meet with current international students, take a guided campus tour, view rooms in each residence hall, visit with faculty and hear from various student services.

UM encourages high school foreign exchange students and their families to participate in the free, full-day event. For more information and to register, email International Admissions representative Julie Cahill at julie.cahill@umontana.edu. Organizers request that participants register by Friday, March 16.

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UM NEWS

February 07, 2012

MISSOULA —

The Chi chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority will celebrate Cardiac Care Month by raising awareness of women’s heart disease Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 14-16, in the University Center at The University of Montana.

Chapter members will staff a table in the UC Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to hand out antioxidant-rich dark chocolate and information on living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

“Though it’s the No. 1 killer of women in the country, many people don’t realize they could be at risk for heart disease,” said Carly Drain, vice president of marketing for the chapter. “Alpha Phi is dedicated to raising awareness of the simple things you can start doing now to decrease that risk.”

Each February, Alpha Phi and its philanthropic partner, the Alpha Phi Foundation, sponsor Cardiac Care Month to raise public awareness about cardiovascular disease. Collegiate and alumnae chapters nationwide hold events to help their communities learn more about the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease. This past October, Chi chapter raised \$5,000 at its annual Red Dress Gala and Casino Night fundraiser to benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation and support cardiac care research.

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women and is dedicated to promoting sisterhood, cultivating leadership, encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service. The organization is comprised of more than 150 collegiate chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Chi chapter of Alpha Phi was established at UM in 1918.

More information is online at <https://www.alphaphi.org> and <http://www.umalphaphi.com>.

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February 07, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students are encouraged to weigh in on the issue of sexual assault during a participatory forum from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the University Center Ballroom.

The “U Matter” forum is designed and intended to engage small-group conversation on sexual assault, perceptions and safety, as well as encourage student involvement in combating issues discovered through a University investigation on alleged sexual assaults on and off campus. A report on the investigation is online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/>.

“These forums will seek input from students about how to effectively get important information to them and what sorts of training and education are effective,” said Lucy France, director of UM’s Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office.

Students attending the forum will break into facilitated discussion groups to talk about the causes of sexual violence, its consequences on individuals, prevention and more. The National Coalition Building Institute of Missoula will facilitate the discussions.

“My hope is that students feel heard and listened to,” said Jenifer Gursky, president of the Associated Students of UM. “The small-group, conversational design for this forum is intended to make student input feel welcomed.”

One of a series of UM-sponsored public forums dedicated to eliminating sexual assault, the “U Matter” forum is an opportunity for the University administration to gather student input. UM will host another “U Matter” student forum at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the University Center Theater to discuss the input provided at the Feb. 13 session.

In addition to NCBI and ASUM, collaborating partners include UM’s Student Assault Resource Center, the Curry Health Center’s Health Enhancement office, the University Center and the Student Affairs office.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will hold free college prep courses for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program.

Classes in basic computer skills, math and writing will take place Monday through Thursday, Feb. 27-May 3, at the COT East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula. Class start times range from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 8 p.m.

Orientation will take place from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in the COT Dean's Conference Room. A graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, May 3.

For more information or to enroll, call 877-356-VETS or go online to <http://www.vubmt.com>.

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February 07, 2012

MISSOULA –

Students in The University of Montana School of Journalism feature some of the state’s fastest growing businesses in the latest episode of “Business: Made in Montana.”

The television program premieres at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, on Montana PBS. This episode profiles a Flathead Valley business called Quadrocopter, which mixes technologies to bring surprising benefits to customers.

Students also profile a successful immigrant who founded the longest-running microbrewery in the state, Bayern Brewery in Missoula. The program also will introduce viewers to a talented tattoo artist in Missoula and a fourth-generation Montana couple who started the state’s only whiskey distillery in Bozeman.

This marks the 18th year for this Department of Radio-Television student production, which has profiled more than 100 homegrown businesses over the years.

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February 06, 2012

MISSOULA –

Award-winning author Chang-rae Lee, whose novel “The Surrendered” was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize, will give a reading from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room at The University of Montana.

Sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the President’s Writers-in-Residence Series, the event is free and open to the public. Local bookstore Fact & Fiction will have copies of Lee’s books for sale, and the author will be available to sign them after the reading.

Lee also is the author of the novels “Native Speaker,” “A Gesture Life” and “Aloft.” Having immigrated to the United States from Korea at age 3, Lee says he is “fascinated by people who find themselves in positions of alienation or some kind of cultural dissonance.” He currently teaches creative writing at Princeton University.

More information is online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing/.

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UM NEWS



February 06, 2012

MISSOULA –

The 2012 Community Lecture Series at The University of Montana will begin Tuesday, Feb. 21, and tickets are now on sale. The annual series is in its 14th year.

This year's series, "Seeking Justice: Hope in Hard Times," features lectures by six outstanding UM faculty members who will examine social justice in our time.

Lectures will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday from Feb. 21 through March 27 at the University Center Theater. Each event will include a question-and-answer session.

Cost for the complete lecture series is \$20 for the general public, \$15 for UM Alumni Association dues-paying members, \$10 for students and, if seats are available, \$5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.grizalum.org/> or by calling the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211 or 877-862-5867. Space is limited.

The moderator and facilitator of this year's lecture series is Professor Linda Gillison, chair of UM's Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature.

Always entertaining and educational, this year's lineup focuses on different aspects of social justice, looking at everything from food as a driver for democracy and justice to asking how technology can promote social justice. Attendees will discover the many difficulties in seeking social justice, but through an examination of solutions to these problems, they will see that there is hope in hard times.

Following is the lecture series schedule:

- **Feb. 21:** "Can Technology Promote Social Justice? Global Problems and High-Tech Solutions" by Dane Scott, director of the Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program and associate professor in the UM Department of Society and Conservation in the College of Forestry and Conservation.
- **Feb. 28:** "Information Equality is a Prerequisite for Justice: Examples from the End of the World" by Rebecca Bendick, UM Department of Geosciences associate professor.
- **March 6:** "Occupying Wall Street: Why Has the Economy Marginalized So Many and Enriched So Few?" by Dick Barrett, retired professor in the UM Department of Economics.
- **March 13:** "Protesters, Politicians or Professional Change Agents? The Future of Activism in the U.S." by Daisy Rooks, UM Department of Sociology assistant professor.
- **March 20:** "Food as a Driver for Democracy and Justice" by Neva Hassanein, UM Environmental Studies professor.
- **March 27:** "Global Free-riders: Environmental Services and the Common Good" by Jim Burchfield, dean of UM's College of Forestry and Conversation.

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UM NEWS



February 06, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host the third annual Tunnel of Oppression Monday, March 19, through Wednesday, March 21 in the UC Ballroom. The Tunnel is an interactive event highlighting contemporary issues of oppression.

Participants will be guided through a series of scenes that educate about issues of oppression, privilege and power. Guided tours will run every half hour between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Groups can reserve a tour time in advance online at <http://www.umt.edu/uc> or reserve a tour the day of the event.

The Tunnel of Oppression is a grassroots diversity program that originated in 1993 at Western Illinois University. Using the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, as a model, the Tunnel of Oppression gives people a hands-on way to experience oppression. Some examples of groups and issues that have been highlighted at past events include homelessness, bigotry/political oppression, socioeconomic oppression and women's oppression.

Applications for interactive exhibits for the Tunnel of Oppression and Room of Hope will be accepted until Feb. 14. To sign up to volunteer or get more information, call 406-243-5622, send an email to devin.carpenter@mso.umt.edu or visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc>.

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February 06, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Religious Studies Program at The University of Montana will host Susan Cohen, a field archaeologist and associate professor of religious studies at Montana State University-Bozeman, on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Cohen will present “Archaeology and the Bible: Comparisons and Contrasts” from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The event is free and open to the public.

Cohen’s presentation will address the relationship between archaeology, history and the Bible. She will compare and contrast biblical and archaeological evidence for key historical events in the Bible.

In addition to writing numerous publications on archeological sites in the ancient Near East, Cohen has directed archeological excavations at Tel Zahara and Gesher in Israel. She also is a member of the Governing Board of Trustees for the W.F. Albright School of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will celebrate its 119th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 16, with a noon-hour party and an evening Charter Day awards ceremony and reception.

The birthday festivities are held each year to celebrate the anniversary of UM's chartering by the Montana Legislature in 1893 and to honor the University and its dedication to excellence. All events are free and open to the public.

The noon-hour birthday party, which will feature free cupcakes and entertainment, will be held in the University Center Atrium. The annual Charter Day awards ceremony, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom, will recognize exemplary campus and community members.

Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend the evening awards ceremony to present an official proclamation of University of Montana Day. A reception will follow the ceremony.

UM Provost Perry Brown will preside over the presentation of 2012 Charter Day awards to the following recipients:

Montana Alumni Award: Sheila M. Stearns, a 1968 UM graduate and Montana Commissioner of Higher Education from 2003 to 2011. The award recognizes a former UM student for extraordinary service to the University. A Glendive native, Stearns has served as UM Alumni Association director, vice president of University Relations and provost and chancellor of UM-Western. She also served as president of Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., before returning to Montana as commissioner of higher education.

ASUM Student Service Award: Daniel W. Viehland, a senior majoring in journalism and political science. The award recognizes distinguished service and achievement. During his academic career at UM, Viehland has served as president of the Alliance for Students and Disabilities, campus organizer of UM Students for Choice and communications director of UM College Democrats. He has interned with Barack Obama's 2008 election campaign, MontPIRG, NARAL Pro-Choice Montana and the mayor's office in Missoula. He also is a member of the executive board of the Montana Democratic Party, and last year he was interim chair of the LGBT equality organization Montana Equality Now. In a few months, he will begin working for the Montana Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award: Dr. Catherine C. Capps, an orthopedic surgeon at Wellcare at Community Medical Center. The award recognizes Montanans who have been notable in their efforts to enhance the bonds among the community, state and University. For the past dozen years, Capps has served on the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Visual and Performing Arts at UM, most recently as president. Among her many civic activities, Capps also serves as scholarship chair for the Missoula Symphony Guild.

George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Peter Koehn, professor of political science. The award recognizes distinguished accomplishments that have brought significant recognition to UM at the regional and national levels. Koehn currently directs UM's International Development Studies program, along with the University's Peace Corps Preparatory Program, the first of its kind at a public university. He has received five separate Fulbright teaching and research awards on three continents, along with research grants from the Social Science Research Council and the Rockefeller Foundation. Koehn organized an international symposium on refugees and development assistance in 1994 and a national workshop on humanism in medical education in 2004 that brought national and international attention to UM.

George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Jerrell D. Ballas, architect and project manager for UM's Planning and Construction Office from 2007 to 2011. The award recognizes distinguished accomplishment within the employee's work unit that brings excellence, merit, distinction or glory to UM. Ballas worked as an architect in the private sector for more than 33 years before coming to UM, and served on the Missoula City Council for eight years. Ballas was appointed as the architect of the original Washington-Grizzly Stadium when the football field moved from Dornblaser Field at the south campus to its present location in 1986.

Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award: Terry Weidner, director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. The award recognizes those who create a more humane learning environment at UM. Under Weidner's leadership, the Mansfield Center has enjoyed remarkable growth and continues to expand its impact, thanks in large part to his success in attracting external funding. In both his role as director and as a teacher in the classroom, Weidner always emphasizes the importance of including ethical and cross-cultural dimensions of inquiry in international education and learning.

Tom Boone Town and Gown Award: Chris Comer, professor of biology and neuroscience and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Linda Gillison, professor of classics and chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. The award recognizes faculty members who foster a deeper understanding

between the University and Missoula.

Comer served for two years at the National Science Foundation, where he was director of the Behavioral Neuroscience Program. His research explores the design and evolution of brain circuits for processing visual and touch information. This research has implications for such things as designing neural prosthetic devices and building biologically based robots.

Gillison has directed the University's Study Abroad program in Italy since 2001 and has been involved in a wide range of service activities during her years on campus, including Faculty Senate, the Community Lecture Series Advisory Committee and the executive board of the University Faculty Association.

Outstanding Volunteer Award: Jim Coté, former managing director of real estate global investments for AIG Global Investments. The award recognizes the contribution of many hours of uncompensated time to UM to help meet the needs of the campus community. As principal and president of the board of directors for MIG Realty Advisors, Coté helped grow MIG into one of the largest advisers in the U.S.

Outstanding Service to the External Community Award: Victoria Clark, director of UM's Bitterroot College Program. The award recognizes exceptional service to the off-campus community and positive contributions to the overall mission of the University. Since 2005, Clark has been actively involved in advocating for local access to higher education opportunity and improved access to continuing education opportunity in Ravalli County. She holds a bachelor's degree in European studies from Amherst College and a master's degree in adult and postsecondary education from the University of Wyoming.

John Ruffatto Award: Christiane von Reichert, professor of geography at UM. The award recognizes UM faculty members who bring practical, applicable business principles into the classroom. Von Reichert is an economic and population geographer whose research focuses on human migration and rural communities. She provides her students with applied learning experiences that connect research and service to teaching while addressing the needs of business and civic communities.

For more information about Charter Day activities, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211.

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MISSOULA —

"FM 38," a 2011 painting by renowned artist Albert Oehlen, currently is on public display in the President's Office reception area in Main Hall at The University of Montana.

The painting is on loan to the Montana Museum of Art & Culture through a private collection and will be on display through May 10. The painting can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except during University holidays.

Born in Krefeld, Germany, in 1954, Oehlen graduated from the Hamburg School of Visual Arts in 1978 after studying with Sigmar Polke. He's regarded as one of the most important protagonists of German neo-expressionist painting, a style typified by expressive brush strokes, ironic subject matter, aggressive use of color and provocative titles.

Since the 1970s, Oehlen's artwork has centered on artistic collaborations with other artists to create a diverse body of work, including paintings, drawings, collages, installations, stage designs, graphic designs, photomontages and sound work. Oehlen was a member of the Cologne-based arts collective "Lord Jim Lodge," a self-described secret society of artists named after a Joseph Conrad novel whose aim was to form "a society of men in genuine opposition to thought and behavior patterns." It included artists Martin Kippenberger, Jörg Schlick, Max Gad and others.

Oehlen has had solo exhibitions at Hamburg Deichtorhallen (1994); the Kunsthalle Basel (1997); the Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain in Strasbourg (2002); the Musée d'Art Moderne de la ville de Paris (2009); and a retrospective at Museo di Capodimonte in Naples, Italy (2009). He is a professor of art at the Düsseldorf Art Academy and is represented by the Max Hetzler Gallery in Berlin and the Luhring Augustine Gallery in New York City.

For more information, call the museum at 406-243-2019 or go to its website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana College of Technology Assistant Professor Bradley Layton will deliver the keynote address at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Summit held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9-10, in Bellevue, Wash.

The two-day summit addresses best practices in K-20 education focusing on innovative teaching and learning in STEM. Layton will present “Energy Technology Education in Efficiency to Engender Energy Independence: Science & Math Lay the Foundation for the Next Generation of Energy Technology Leaders.”

STEM has become a focal point in recent years as a segment of education where American students are falling behind their international peers. In his address, Layton will highlight portions of a 2008 paper he published in the International Journal of Green Energy where he presented many technological and economic reasons that led to our nation's current energy insecurity.

“My primary purpose is to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities that educators face in our rapidly changing energy technology landscape,” Layton said. “I hope to demonstrate why now more than ever it is critical for all citizens to enhance their technological literacy if we are to gain energy independence.”

Layton serves as director of the Energy Technology Program at the COT. He facilitates the coordination of face-to-face and online learning opportunities and innovations and strives to educate his students and the general public about the threats of energy dependence and the opportunities available for adopting sustainable energy technologies.

For more information on the STEM Summit, go to <http://www.coeforict.org/events/stemsummit>.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold a community forum from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, to discuss and answer questions about the University's investigation into and report on alleged sexual assaults on and off campus.

The forum will take place in parlors C and D at the Holiday Inn Downtown, located at 200 S. Pattee St. in Missoula. It is free and open to the public.

Former District and Montana Supreme Court Judge Diane Barz, who directed the investigation for the University, completed and delivered the report to UM President Royce Engstrom on Jan. 31. The report was released to the public Feb. 1 and is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/>.

The forum will include a report on the investigation from UM President Royce Engstrom, and he will take questions from the public.

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MISSOULA –

The Diversity Advisory Council at The University of Montana invites the campus community to nominate outstanding students for the DAC Student Achievement Awards. DAC will accept nominations until March 1.

The awards honor students whose leadership promotes campus diversity. The nomination can be made online at <http://life.umt.edu/diversity/studentachievementaward.php>.

“These awards recognize student citizens who help the University become more welcoming to all groups and individuals regardless of background,” said Juana Alcalá, the DAC member overseeing the award program. “These students help us create the diverse, dynamic learning environment needed to succeed in today’s global community.”

Student nominees must have attended UM for one full academic semester during the award year and be in good academic standing. Students may receive this recognition more than once. A DAC subcommittee receives all nominations and selects students most worthy of the award.

“Student selection is made with special care and deliberation,” Alcalá said. “This honor is very special and provides a model for all of us to follow.”

To nominate a student, describe in 200 words or less how he or she has demonstrated leadership, served as a role model and contributed substantially to the ideals of diversity through academic, community, campus or service contributions.

The awards are presented each spring during a ceremony and reception sponsored by the UM president and the vice president for student affairs. This year’s reception will be held March 14.

For more information email Alcalá at jalcala@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana music student Ben Murphy has earned first place in the young artist division of the Music Teachers National Association composition competition.

Murphy is an undergraduate student from Barrington, Ill., studying composition and music technology. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Music from the UM College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage creativity and self-expression in student musicians through the art of composing. The award is one of the most prestigious national music awards given to university students in the United States.

"Ben Murphy is a talented composer and performer," said Charles Nichols, UM associate music professor. "In addition to studying composition and percussion at the School of Music, he is president of The University of Montana Composers' Club, and helps organize our annual Composers' Showcase festival."

Before progressing onto the MTNA national level of competition, Murphy first won the Montana competition and the northwest division competition. Division winners from across the nation moved on to the finals, where Murphy competed against seven other composers.

His composition, "Clear," was awarded first place by the judges, Wynn-Anne Rossi, Jeff Smith and Augusta Read Thomas, three highly acclaimed composers. Murphy will accept the first-place prize of \$3,000 after his composition is performed at the Young Artist Winners Concert at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in New York City.

"We are so thrilled for Ben. He has been an absolute joy to work with, as he has the wonderful qualities of being hard-working and dedicated, coupled with a highly unique creative voice and exceptional imagination," said Lee Heuermann, adjunct assistant professor of music and adviser to Murphy for his competition submission.

Murphy is not only a composer, but a principal percussion performer in the UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble and UM Percussion Ensemble. He recently was accepted to present at the Society for Electroacoustic Music in the United States in Miami, Fla., and in the Soundscape Festival in Maccagno, Italy. In August his work was featured at the International Computer Music Conference in England.

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MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host its annual Student Leadership Conference from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, on the third floor of the UC. It is free and open to all UM students and young leaders in the Missoula community, and lunch is included.

The 2012 conference is rooted in the social-change model and will focus on the many faces of leadership. Participants will leave feeling empowered to use their leadership resources to be effective, personal leaders with a global perspective.

The day will kick off with keynote speaker Jimmy Moore, who will present “Full Frontal Leadership” to inspire and challenge leaders. Orphaned at 16 while dealing with addiction and literally running for his life during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Moore has a story unlike many others. Faced with great tragedy and fighting to triumph, he now uses his experience to inspire and educate others.

After the keynote, attendees will participate in workshops presented by students, faculty, staff and community members.

Conference registration is due at midnight Monday, Feb. 20, and is available online at <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership>. Late registration will be accepted the day of the conference but with no guarantee of conference materials or lunch.

For instructions on how to register and more information about the 2012 Student Leadership Conference, go online to <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/default.php>.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has released a report on an investigation into allegations of sexual assault involving students. The complete report is online at <http://umt.edu/president/>.

Former District and Montana Supreme Court Judge Diane Barz, who directed the investigation for the University, completed and delivered the report to UM President Royce Engstrom on Jan. 31.

Barz and her colleagues Lucy France, director of UM's Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office, and Charles Couture, UM dean of students, investigated multiple allegations of sexual assault that were reported to UM officials in December and January.

Questions about the report can be directed to Jim Foley, UM vice president for external relations, at 406-544-9099.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host the 23rd Annual Big Sky Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the University Center Ballroom, where participants can meet with company recruiters from local, regional, national and international employers.

The fair, sponsored by the UM Office of Career Services, is free and open to all UM students and alumni. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

The event will offer recruiting opportunities for students in all academic disciplines, including professional full-time positions, summer internships, part-time employment and summer jobs. Many recruiters will return Thursday, Feb. 23, to interview students and alumni for open positions in their organizations.

Students and alumni can go online to <http://life.umt.edu/career/bsef/> to view a complete schedule and list of companies attending the fair, as well as add themselves to a mailing list. Through their Griz eRecruiting account, students also can see who will be on campus recruiting this semester and sign up for on-campus interviews being held the day after the fair and throughout spring semester. Students can contact the Office of Career Services to set up their free Griz eRecruiting account.

Employers can register to attend the fair on the website. For more information call Career Services at 406-243-2022.

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MISSOULA –

The University Center will host award-winning author Marty Essen on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at The University of Montana. Essen will present his high-energy multimedia show “Around the World in 90 Minutes” at 7 p.m. in the UC Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

The show features interesting facts, humorous stories and the best of thousands of photos he took while traveling the world for his book “Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents.”

Be ready for laughter, learning and excellent photography. Essen grew up in Minnesota and moved to **Victor** in 1996. For the past four years he has presented at colleges across the nation. For more information visit <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/leadership/default.php>.

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